SYDNEY ANARCHIST NETWORK NEWSLETTER

absolutely PRICELESS.

This issues' cover shows the Anarchist Surrealestate crew opening a new office in Calder St.

Number 2, August 1993

THE SPROUT

Editorial

Well, here we are with the second action packed issue of the Sydney Anarchist Newsletter; if you are receiving by mail, could you please write to either Jura or Black Rose if you wish to keep on receiving it. This is because there are limited copies and funds, especially as this is a local news sheet theoretically focusing on action and local activities, as well as letting others know what is going on in Sydney. The deadline for the next issue should be around about the 20th September (out 1st October), hopefully the format will change to A4 pages with three columns and graphics scattered throughout, it would be appreciated if articles were typed 20 strokes per line. Which, as far as the newsletter is concerned leaves us with....oh oh .... finances... the last mailout cost in excess of $150, which was covered by people at the last Pow Wow and Black Rose; because of this high cost, we are asking for donations to cover these costs, we (the editorial/layout collective), suggest $10 for the employed and $5 for others and free for those with a case (ex:prisoners, single parents), at least write and let us know that you wish to keep receiving it; this should last at least 6 issues (bi-monthly) and possibly more. Currently, we get free photo copying, but this may not last, so any offers would be appreciated (even if you can only do 300 or 500 copies of one page).

Well that should be the last of the dull stuff! A new collective is getting together for postering around the city - particularly in the Newtown/Redfern areas; the focus will be on propaganda style posters, but some event posters will be accepted too, especially if plenty of time is given, as initial runs may only occur once a fortnight. Posters can be left at Black Rose preferably with a donation to cover costs. Swapping posters between groups is more than welcome!

The library still needs self activated people to help catalogue it, and get it up and running again, Please contact Harry (I think) at Jura 550-9931.

Anarchy on the Airwaves! The Graffiti slot on Radio Skid Row (every second sunday 3-6pm), is open for anarchists to vent frustration, build community, propagandise, play music, provide alternative news etc... contact Skid Row during air time (don't ask me which week!), or if you have absolutely no initiative, contact the bookshops and pester them.

with vigour, vim and worldwide revolutionary solidarity,
the editorial collective.

thumbs up for squatters

Yay team!

NEWSFLASH!!!!

Two homeless people have taken the initiative to house themselves by squatting a house at 51 Calder Rd Chippendale in early July. On Monday, the 19th of July more than 20 police, some of whom have had previous squatting experience turned up on the scene in order to enthusiastically endorse the squatters andsome even showed support by helping to move heavy furniture and ....err, hang on, that was the happy ending.

Now for the real news: On Monday 19th of July 1993, 6 squatters barricaded themselves in their home at 51 Calder Rd, Chippendale. The nouse is owned by the Dept of Housing and has been kept empty by force (in order to maintain the 7 year waiting list for public housing - what a joke!)

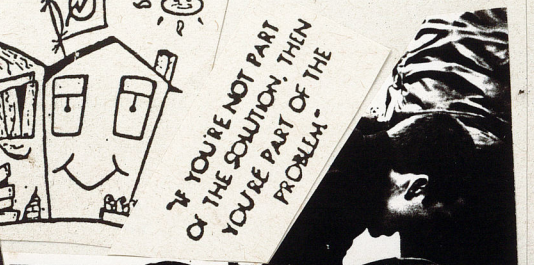
Regardless of negotiations which had taken place between the squattersand the DOH, the police moved in at about 12 noon and violently evicted and arrested the squatters plus 7 onlookers who had given their support and were quite outraged at the way the police were handling (or rather not handling) the situation.

There was much hairpulling, groinkicking, strangling...etc compliments of the well adjusted and well trained police-(brute)-force. Six squatters were arrested with trespass (whose land is it anyway?), and "hindering police"(in their duty to inflict maximum harm and intimidation on homeless people)

The other six were arrested and charged only with "hindering police"

They will appear at Redfern Court on the 4th and 12th of August at 10am in order to explain why they were so naughty by being in an empty house.

"IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION, THEN YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM."



THE RIGHT TO SHELTER

TAKE THE ONUS FROM THE OWNERS

SQUAT NOW

Squatting is a Solution NOT a Problem

DEPARTMENT OF HOME-LESSNESS

Support is appreciated.

DAAH

Direct Action Against Homelessness

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NEW TITLES:

This is Class War	$2.00
Open Magazine Pamphlet Series including Mike Davis, Chomsky, Goldman, Zinn, Huxley, etc.	$2.50 - $5.00
Anarchy Comics	$3.75
U.S.A. vs Noriega - Submission to U.S. District Court in Florida	$13.00
Chomsky Update	$14.00
Chronicles of Dissent - Interview with Noam	$18.50
The Assault on Culture - S. Home	$10.60
Starting a Bookshop	$7.70
New World Order record and pamphlet - Chomsky and Bad Religion	$4.00

BACK IN STOCK:

Education of Desire - Cliff. Harper Graphics	$8.00
Refracting Voices - Collection	$15.00
Class War - Decade Edition	$15.50
Prime Time Activism - C. Ryan	$12.00
Monkey Wrench Gang (Fiction)	$13.00
Revolutionary Pleasure of Thinking for Yourself	$1.50
For Anarchism - History, Theory & Practice - D. Goodway	$23.00

JOURNALS: (Some examples)

Lies of our Times	$3.50
Sparks	Free
CARF	$1.50
People	$1.00
The Ecologist	$9.80
Z Mag	$5.00
Solidarity	$5.00
Rebel Worker	0.50
Anarchist Age Weekly Review	Free
Rationalist News (March)	Free
Industrial Worker	$1.00
Cantrill's Film Notes	$7.50
Angry People	$1.00
AND OF COURSE..... Freedom	$1.50

PLUS LOTS MORE GOODIES.

Haron Moses
Jura Collective

MELBOURNE JUDGE DYETT GIVES POLICE GREEN LIGHT TO BASH MORE WOMYM

In Court 22 on the 11th floor of the county court in William Street on Wednesday 26th May, Judge Dyett gave police the green light to bash more women. He did this during a procedure the legal system calls a 'fair trial'.

This 'fair trial' consisted of 15 police witnesses, who were provided free of charge with a barrister and with a solicitor to help him; against one citizen who had been denied legal aid, and so was defending herself. During this obviously fair and just trial procedure, the police presented Judge Dyett with a six day diet of solid lies. The judge obediently swallowed them all.

The police said they caught a woman who sprayed 'Stop the Bashings' and 'You Lousy Stinking Pigs, why don't you stop beating women up!' on their South Melbourne police station. They said they held her in their custody from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May, 1992.

They said she was extremely violent, and had put up a terrible fight before finally being arrested. (In fact she had not resisted arrest at all). They said four of them had been injured in the struggle - Constables Craig Shiell, Jodie Barnett, Sean Woods and Sergeant Rodd Johnson. They said that after they had all been assaulted, they suddenly were able to push her down, hand cuff her arms behind her back, and drive her to the police station. In the time they held her imprisoned in their shower cell. They said that at no stage did any of them ever stand on her stomach or kick her in the kidney or flog her with a baton while her hands were tied behind her back. Out of the kindness of their hearts, they said they had decided to only lay twelve assault charges against her.

They said that while their prisoner was repeatedly beating them all up she also harrassed them by refusing to eat or drink. When, in the end out of concern for her, they called in the police doctors, she pretended to be semiconcious. This, of course made it difficult for the doctors to make a diagnosis, since the unintelligible groans coming from her were obviosuly attempts to avoid answering the doctors questions. It was therefore considered that she had refused medical treatment.

The police kindly explained to the police doctors, Dr. Richard Crompton and Dr. Simon Young, and to the police nurse, Sr. A. Evans, of the Russell St. police headquaters; that their prisoner was suffering from starvation and dehydration, and some stomach pain of unknown origin. This 'diagnosis' was obediently recorded in the medical notes, which went with the woman by ambulance to St. Vincents hospital.

Since the prisoner was suffering from starvation, dehydration and some strange stomach cramps, there was obviously no call to look for, or record any of the numerous bruises surfacing on the skin under the prisoners clothes - or to look for, or record the five lumps on her head.

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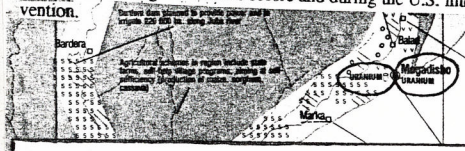
The Somali Invasion

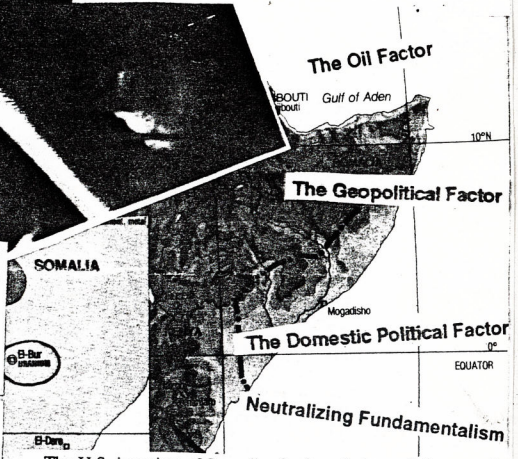
The reasons for U.S. intervention in Somalia have nothing to do with "humanitarian" issues.

The Oil Factor

A third reason for U.S. intervention is the prospect of vast oil revenues in areas where four major U.S. oil companies have exclusive concessions (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, January 19, 1993, p. A4). Conoco, Amoco, Chevron, and Philips Petroleum control oil development rights covering two-thirds of Somalia. A 1991 Word Bank study put Somalia and the Sudan at the top of the list of prospective commercial oil producers in Africa.

The close ties between the oil industry and the U.S. intervention effort is illustrated by the fact that Conoco's corporate compound in Somalia was transferred into a *de facto* U.S. embassy a few days before the U.S. Marines landed. President Bush's special envoy operated out of Conoco headquarters, while the president of the local branch of Conoco was Bush's "facilitator" during the months before and during the U.S. intervention.



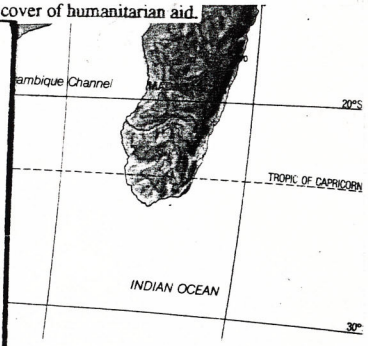


The U.S. invasion of Somalia, far from being a disinterested humanitarian effort, reflects longstanding imperial interests and strategies. However, the humanitarian objective comes into its own as a powerful rationale for great-power intervention. Humanitarian intervention is even more open-ended than Cold War containment policy. Every civil war brings social misery and hunger in its wake and with it a rationale for intervention. With "free-market" economic policies plunging nations into the abyss of mass poverty, illness, and social conflict, there are endless possibilities for the Pentagon to exercise its interventionist strategies under the cover of humanitarian aid.

THE NEW WORLD ODOUR....

The Dutch East India Company (VOC), formed in 1602, was granted virtually the powers of a state, including the right to make war and treaties. In highly simplified form, we see already something of the structure of the modern political economy, dominated by a network of transnational financial and industrial institutions with internally managed investment and trade, their wealth and influence established and maintained by the state power that they mobilize and largely control.

-NOAM CHOMSKY: "YEAR 501-THE CONQUEST CONTINUES"



if you have or know someone who has been bashed, contact CAPV for a National file we are compiling on Police Violence - Stop the Violence by breaking the Silence

Judge Dyett found that subsequent photographic evidence of massive multiple bruising on the woman seemed consistent with the use of reasonable force. He therefore found her guilty of all the assault charges, but dismissed, as of no consequence, the numerous inconsistencies in the police evidence. He held however, that the prisoners claim that the cell door opened inward, when police photos of a cell showed that it opened outward to be obvious proof of her lying attempts to frame the police with very detailed and clearly presented evidence that they had repeatedly beaten her. He also held it to be self evident that a section of one house sized wall with 'anti police-brutality' writing in texta pen on it, would indeed cost $400 to repaint. He agreed with the police that since it was a government building, that showing receipts as proof of costs was not necessary. He dismissed as total nonsense the womans suggestion that a $1.95 bottle of mineral turps would have removed the texta.

The police were all smiles as they left the court to start work on their next prisoner. Judge Dyett had just given them the green light (yet again?). He calmly declared her guilty of four counts of assaulting police and ordered her to pay $500, for the cost of removing what she had written.

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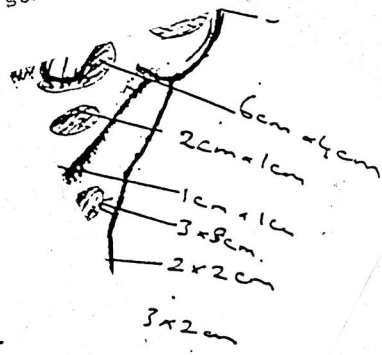

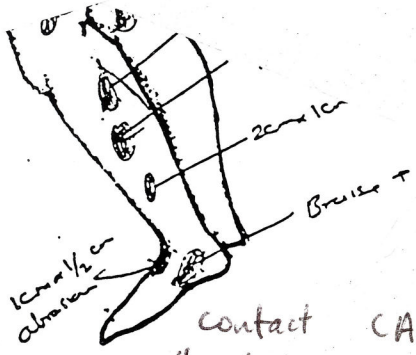

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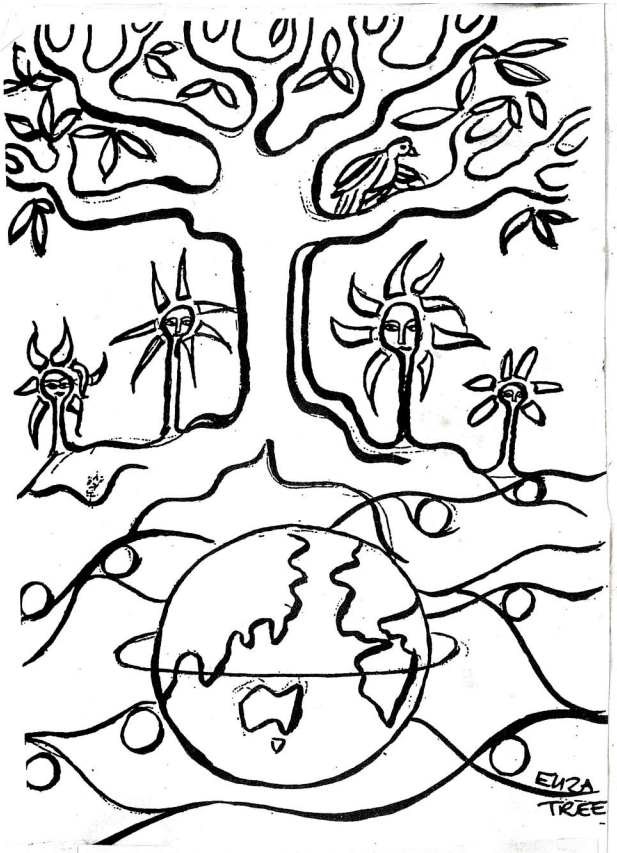

The North East Forest Alliance (NEFA) is back, and they're not happy. Last time the tribe passed through Sydney the Lib/Nat government natural resources package was defeated, the Forestry Commission's building was occupied and PCF were installed in order to institute sustainable forestry practices.

This current incursion into the Big Smoke is to continue that process by challenging the commission's EIS (Environmental Impact Study).

NEFA is conducting the case under the auspices of John Corkill who over the last three years has had a string of successful challenges against the Forestry Commission (FC) continuing rape of our old growth forests. An enormous body of evidence has been accumulated to show the incompetence of the FC in its execution of the EIS process, and if successful the case may provide precedents for challenging old growth destruction throughout the state. If unsuccessful this case may prove to be the last opportunity for a peaceful, legal resolution to the forestry conflict.

Anyone who believes in direct action to protect old growth forests is part of the alliance NEFA is an unincorporated, non-hierarchical activist collective drawing on other ecological economic, legal and business

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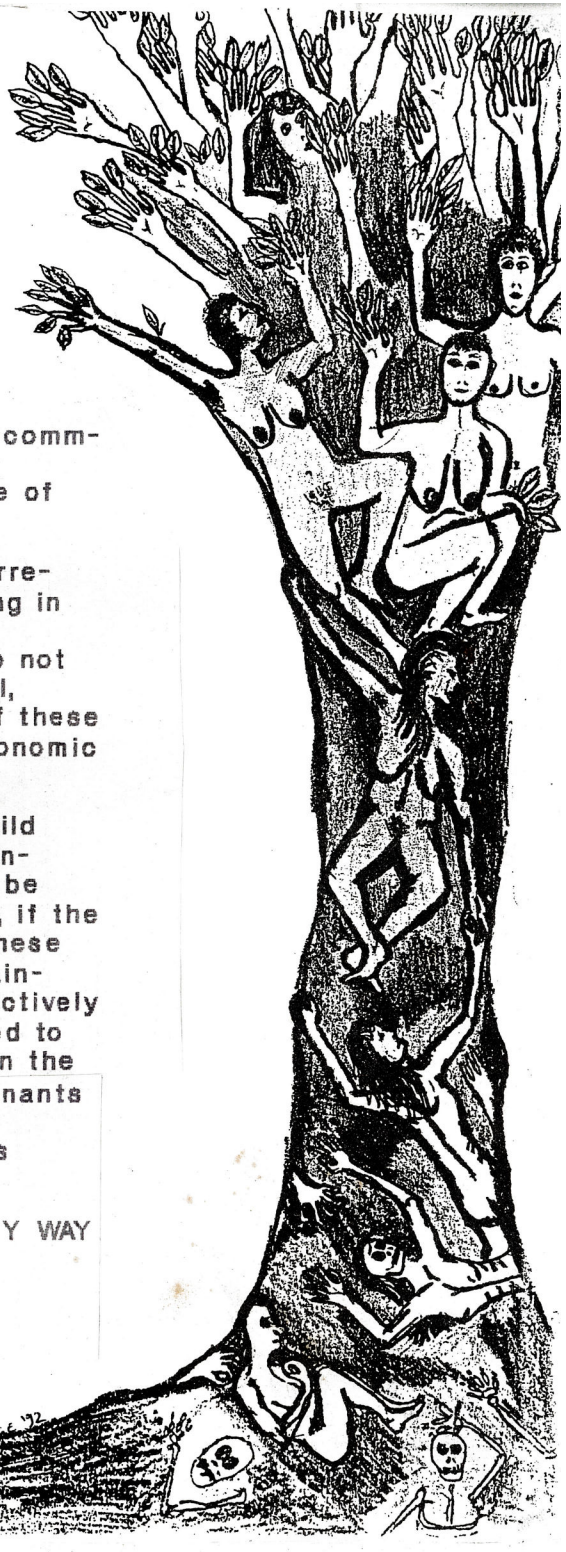


expertise of volunteers committed to a policy of non-violent action in defence of Mother Earth.

Old growth forests are irreplaceable and diminishing in size globally every day. Economic rationalists do not recognise the ecological, socio-spiritual values of these places, let alone the economic ones.

If there are to be any wild places left for future generations, if there are to be any pristine catchments, if the biological diversity of these 'gene banks' is to be maintained, we must act effectively now. If the FC is allowed to continue as planned then the integrity of the last remnants of these forests will be destroyed forever, in this logging cycle.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY PLEASE CONTACT US.
NEFA SYDNEY OFFICE:
phone 299 2541.

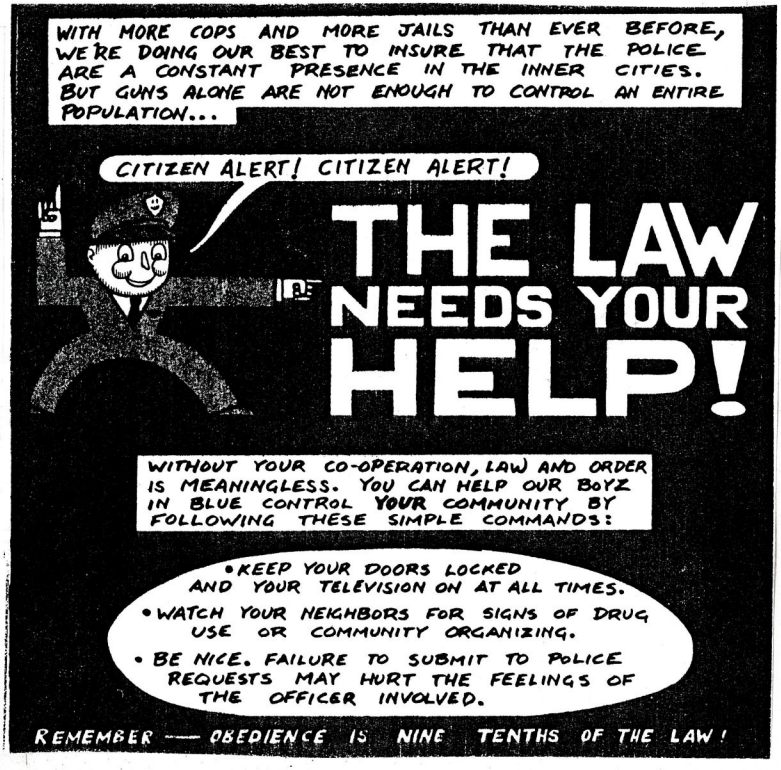
Imagine...

the Anarchist Pow Wows become as regular as church on ... the Seed of the Sydney Anarchist Newsletter grows & blossoms into wild black (& red ?) roses, Direct Action Against Homelessness increasingly deliver the goods as homeless people join in & whole blocks of empty houses are occupied for years and years...

Jura pays off its ball & chain (Whoops ! I mean bank loan (2 of the worst four letter words I know - please excuse the language), & buys more diverse & more sociable premises - similar to the wonderful Community Arts Centre in Dixon St., Newtown. While Jura remains the owner of the premises a plan is drawn up to collaboratively use/share the premises with other Anarchist groups. The Black Rose collective operates the shop front as a bookshop/coffee lounge; the Jura collective operates upstairs as the distributor for anarchist & other radical materials to the Australasian region (supplying for instance Black Rose, Holus Bolus & Emma's bookshops (Brisbane), FOE & other anarchistic shops & stalls in Melbourne, Books from the Black Lagoon (Auckland), etc.) Ye olde Fanya Baron (who !?)library - upstairs front room at 110 Crystal St., Petersham - becomes an information/media library/resource centre/archive. The proposed anarchist information production/generation/dissemination room (upstairs back room at 110 Crystal) not only includes computer/printer/photocopier/ modem/fax/ e'mail etc, but also audio/video facilities - for community radio & tv production. The outdoor yard is a miniature urban native Oz forest, plus play areas (eg. sand pits & perpetual motion machines - ie., swings !) The building out the back is used by Jellyheads & others for radical cultural gigs, as a free school - learning/classes, for dance & music & yoga, for socialising - parties/feasts, etc.

Imagine the end of (wage - or unwaged) slavery & the building of primitive community ... do take your dreams for reality ... cooperation is primary ... we can make it happen ... it's up to us...

Yours for the taking/asking, Karen Eliot.


WITH MORE COPS AND MORE JAILS THAN EVER BEFORE, WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO INSURE THAT THE POLICE ARE A CONSTANT PRESENCE IN THE INNER CITIES. BUT GUNS ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO CONTROL AN ENTIRE POPULATION...
CITIZEN ALERT! CITIZEN ALERT!
THE LAW NEEDS YOUR HELP!
WITHOUT YOUR CO-OPERATION, LAW AND ORDER IS MEANINGLESS. YOU CAN HELP OUR BOYZ IN BLUE CONTROL YOUR COMMUNITY BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE COMMANDS:
• KEEP YOUR DOORS LOCKED AND YOUR TELEVISION ON AT ALL TIMES.
• WATCH YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR SIGNS OF DRUG USE OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZING.
• BE NICE. FAILURE TO SUBMIT TO POLICE REQUESTS MAY HURT THE FEELINGS OF THE OFFICER INVOLVED.
REMEMBER — OBEDIENCE IS NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW!

WEDDING SOLUTIONS
your final solution to marriage

WHY SPEND THOUSANDS OF $ $ $ ON YOUR WEDDING ??

Rings, catering, flowers, clothes, honeymoon...it can all add up to one enormous headache for a young couple just starting out...

But help is now at hand. Here at Wedding Solutions your problems can all be solved. Our innovative approach means an end to the boredom, frustration and years of emotional turpitude that marriage inevitably brings. Yes! We have trained staff on hand to advise you against marriage.

Lets face it, with divorce figures soaring, the question arises, why get married in the first place? All the best families are finding marriage a profound disappointment...just ask the Windsors.

So...

If you have the courage to commit yourself to another person for life, you have the courage to say no to marriage. Say no to slavery. Say no to conformity. Say yes to freedom. Say yes to individuality and independence.

MARRIAGE IS AN INSTITUTION...WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN AN INSTITUTION?

The last two months have been pretty busy for Black Rose. We've had a couple of monthly dinners, the last one incorporating a discussion of issues affecting inner Sydney, like the Tramshed Markets in Newtown, the Advanced Technology Park in Darlington and the Sydney Olympics bid. Suggested at the dinner was the idea that a group be formed to take on all these issues together in a combined campaign. Maybe this can be brought up at the next Pow-Wow.

Also, due to a number of requests, Black Rose has decided to offer a bit of a P.O. Box service at the shop. That means that if you want to receive your mail somewhere other than your home address, or if you don't actually have a fixed postal address, you can arrange with us to have your mail sent to the shop. Now, we only have limited space so it's a bit of a first come first served scenario, and incidentally, the odd donation for the service wouldn't go astray! Black Rose is always struggling to make ends meet.

With our new catalogue out, the shop's mail order service has been expanding quite a bit. So, if you're after something in particular or just want to check us out, drop us a line and we'll post you one out.

Aside from all this, if there's anyone out there with a bar fridge they don't need, we could really do with some cold air space in the shop. The aim is to make the place a comfortable place to sit and have a cuppa instead of just a shop. By the way, thanks to Jura for passing on their spare cooker; it will be most handy.

Anyway, just to get back to the dinners, the next one will be held on Sunday August 2nd, and the following on Sunday September 5th, always at about six pm. Hope to see you there.

love
the Black Rose Collective.

SOME NEWLY ARRIVED TITLES ARE:

Re/Search: Angry Women
Modern Primitives
Pranks
Industrial Culture Handbook

Abbie Hoffman: Steal this Urine Test

Seth Tobocman: You Don't Have To Fuck People Over to Survive

Jack Forbes: Columbus and Other Cannibals

Belsito/Davis: Hardcore California

Malcolm X: Autobiography of Malcolm X

Martin Sprouse: Sabotage in the American Workplace

Marchetti/Marks: CIA and the Cult of Intelligence

D.C. Beard: Shelters, Shacks and Shanties

Paul Virilio: Popular Defense and Ecological Struggles

Dave Marsh: Fifty Ways to Fight Censorship

Jeanette Winterson: Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit
Sexing the Cherry

BLACK ROSE IS AT: 583A KING ST. NEWTOWN ph 5199194

THE DAY THE NATION PAYS ITS NATIONAL DEBT

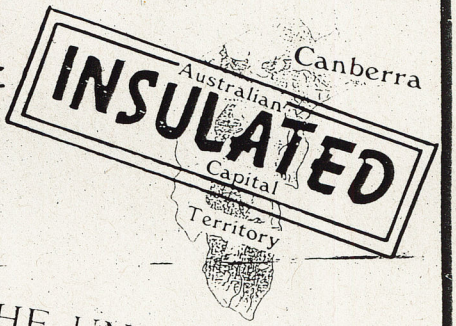
CELEBRATION

NON VIOLENT
Non violent because violence is not necessary

BUDGET DAY

16th, 17th & 18th August

LAWNS OF PARLIAMENT



WE ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE

LIFE
WILL
THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE
THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

ENTERTAINMENT, SPEAKERS, EVENTS, WORKSHOPS
16th 17th 18th August 1993. CELEBRATION 93 BUDGET DAY.
STRATEGIES TO CONFRONT ANOTHER DECADE OF
HOMELESSNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT, POVERTY.

93

THE UNEMPLOYED

Let's show them 'we are here!'

We have rented the lawns for $8-00 a day
Homeless, Unemployed, Pensioners.
Those living in POVERTY
Bring stuff for camping: tent, warm clothes, sleeping bag

Canberra

THE DAY WE PAY THE NATIONS DEBT.
LETS DO IT
COME WHO WILL.

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STONEWALL

Fears that few young lesbians and gays would turn up for the Sydney Stonewall '93 nighttime rally and street march proved to be unfounded.
Members of the organising committee had expressed concern that few young gay people would be aware of the historical significance of Stonewall to the Sydney communitites. Most of them, the committee was reminded, would have been only five or six years old or younger fifteen years ago when the first lesbian and gay mardi gras was the object of savage anti-gay police violence.
Most of them, too, would not have been born when the Stonewall riots had occurred in New York in 1969 which the Sydney June 24 mardi gras in 1978 was commemorating.
However, hundreds of them turned out for Stonewall '93 rally on Saturday night, June 26, along with veteran activists and all ages in between to swell the crowd to around two and a half thousand to sing and whistle to the sound of songs like "Keep on Marching Forward" and the tuneful "We Are Family".
Then Lesbians and gays joined with drag queens, transgenders, bisexuals and people living with HIV/Aids to celebrate 15 years of activism and pride by marching together along the same route taken by the original mardi gras in '78 --from Oxford Street to Kings Cross --and a fabulous 70s dance party at the Rex Ballroom in the heart of the Cross.

SYDNEY'S COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS FOR STONEWALL CONCLUDE

Saturday night, July 3rd, saw the end to Sydney's Stonewall '93 events which had included forums on the politics of queer, debating identity and a nighttime rally and street march along the route of the first gay mardi gras in 1978.
Finally, Lesbian and Gay Solidarity --a longtime polically active gay and lesbian group --hosted the annual Pink Stonewall Dinner.
The key to the evening was the dinners speakers and their diverse agendas -- from academic historical and social research, transgender liberation to global visiblity and international commitment to lesbian and gay solidarity.
The speakers were supported by satirical songs by lesbian and gay singers and musicians and the Sisters of the Order of Perpetual Indugence. The latter "whipped up" enthusiasm for belly dancing by a supple young man who had the diners joining in OPI chants, snatches, lays and nun's choruses.
The LGS group also had a large of posters on view from its recent demonstration in front of the United States Consulate in Sydney in support of the March on Washington.
The wall disply included stories of the New York Stonewall in 1969, persecution by the Nazis using a German law to send homosexuals to level 3 concentration camps --the death mills. There were also reproductions of the angry gay rights marches in Sydney over the police violence against lesbians, gays and drag queens at the first gay mardi gras parade in June 1978 and some other reproductions of gay men and women who have enriched the world in various spheres of endeavour.

WHAT'S ON...

▷ALFALFA HOUSE BENEFIT
the Broccoli Banquet - an afternoon of feasting & entertainment, celebrating the food co-op's 10th birthday!
Sunday AUGUST 1ST 2-6 P.M. $8/$5 conc. (ph)519-3374
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre - cnr. King St &

▷ JURA BOOKSHOP MEETINGS
2nd Sunday & 4th Tuesday of each month
6p.m. 110 Crystal St, Petersham (ph) 550-9931
AUGUST Sun 8TH, Tues 24TH. SEPTEMBER Sun 12TH, Tues 28TH.

▷NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST H.E.C.S.
2p.m. Tuesday AUGUST 10TH, Town Hall steps

▷BLACK ROSE BOOKSHOP MONTHLY VEGAN DINNERS
1st Sunday of every month EXCEPT August. 6p.m. $5 donation
AUGUST 8TH, SEPTEMBER 5TH (ph)519-9194

MEETINGS - every Thursday 6.30p.m. ↑
Different locations every week, so ring shop for details!

▷BUDGET DAY CELEBRATION
Entertainment, speakers, workshops & events confronting another decade of poverty, unemployment & homelessness
16TH, 17TH, 18TH AUGUST - Parliament House Lawns (ph) 06-248-8566

▷SYDNEY UNI A COLLECTIVE
meets every Thursday 1-2p.m. Main Quadrangle

▷A POW-WOW
a gathering of anarchists interested in what's happening politically in Sydney & Australia. Discussion, food & fun!
Sunday SEPTEMBER 12TH
Venue: probably 35 Dixon St Community Hall, but ring 519-8923 or 550-9931, closer to the date, to check.

▷BLACK ROSE BENEFIT GIG
10TH SEPTEMBER, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, cnr. King St & Australia St, Newtown. Ring bookshop for details.

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